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SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

(Lewiston). Seven schools from across the state were recognized today as Distinguished Schools for the 2012-2013 school year. Since 2007, the State Board of Education has recognized Idaho K-12 schools that meet very rigorous performance requirements.

The Distinguished Schools for 2012-2013 are:

Thatcher Elementary School, Grace Joint District
Ramsey Elementary School, Coeur d'Alene District
Leadore School, South Lemhi District
Kennedy Elementary School, Madison District
Donnelly Elementary, McCall-Donnelly District
Prairie Elementary School, Cottonwood Joint District
NezPerce School, NezPerce Joint District

"The requirements to achieve this award are rigorous, and the Board congratulates the students, teachers, staff, parents and patrons of these schools on their hard work and dedication," remarked Don Soltman, President of the State Board of Education. *"There are more than 700 schools in Idaho, so these seven can be very proud of their outstanding performance and growth last year."*

The criteria for the award were changed this year to align with the new Five-Star Rating System. The Distinguished School Award is now given to schools who meet the following criteria:

- Achieved a Five-Star Rating for at least two out of the last three years;*
- Received no less than a Four-Star Rating in the last three years;
- Meet the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) in all subjects for overall students and all ESEA subgroups;
- Be among the top 5 percent of schools in all students proficiency; and
- Be among the top 10 percent of schools in the proficiency gaps between the highest and lowest achieving subgroups and between the at-risk and not at-risk subgroups.

Representatives from Ramsey Elementary, Donnelly Elementary and Nez Perce School were on hand to receive their awards at the meeting in Lewiston. Schools that were unable to attend the award ceremony will be honored in local presentations over the coming weeks.

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*Note: With only two years of Star Rating data, the schools in this list were either a 5 or 4 Star School in the past two years, rather than a 5 Star School in two out of the last three years.